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Skill Development of SC/OBC/DA
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has approached the Ministries of Skill Development and Entreneurship and Communications and Information Technology for new Skill Development Programme to be implemented in rural as well as urban areas for the SCs/OBCs/ Disabled etc.; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) to (b) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has two Departments namely (i) Department of Social Justice and Empowerment and (ii) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) has launched a National Action Plan (NAP) for skill training of persons with disabilities (PwDs), in collaboration with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on 21.03.2015. NAP sets a target of skilling 5 lakh PwDs in the first three years for 2015-16 to 2017-18.

In order to implement NAP, a panel of training Partners (ETPs) has been prepared comprising 167 organizations including 14 Govt. Organizations and 153 Voluntary Organizations (VOs). Apart from these EPTs, skilling of PwDs is also being done through 7 National Institutes (NIs), National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), a PSU under DEPwD, 21 Vocational Rehabilitation Centers for Handicapped (VRCHs) under Ministry of Labour & Employment and Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) run by VOs as a part of Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS).
A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between DEPwD with MSDE for making joint initiative towards implementation of NAP.

In the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE), Skill Development Training Programme is being implemented through the three Corporations viz. National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC), and National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC). These Corporations have been assigned the responsibility to skill the members of their respective target groups such as SCs, OBCs, Safai Karamcharis etc. to conduct the skill development programmes in rural and urban areas across the country to the eligible beneficiaries. In this regard, the Sector Skill Councils under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) have been approached by NBCFDC for providing skill development training to the youths of their target groups.